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Sheriff Buckley Speaks at MWCC

Middlesex County Sheriff John J. Buckley, spoke to the Law Enforcement students at Mount Wachusett Community College on May 1st. Law Enforcement Professors, Robert N. Willhauck and Robert F. Riedl, organized the program to expose their students to a professional opinion in the areas of correction, treatment and rehabilitation of offenders.

"Everyone is concerned with the rising crime rate, but they are unwilling to try new solutions which might change the trend," Sheriff Buckley said.

In speaking before the criminology students, Sheriff Buckley said that there is no disagreement among experts on the rapid increase in crime.

"We are still using nineteenth century approaches to a twentieth century problem," observed the Sheriff. "What is needed, and needed soon, are completely new thoughts and ideas toward the crime problem."

Sheriff Buckley said people should not be surprised by the increase in criminal activity because the same old methods, which failed in the past, are still being applied to the problem.

Sheriff Buckley stated, for example, that none of the ideas he has advocated to reduce the crime rate have been implemented. He listed some of the approaches that should be tried:

- Strict handgun control. The weapons most often used in violent crime should be tightly controlled, only the police and the military should carry handguns.
- Reform of the Court system. Speedy trials should be the byword and people should not linger waiting for trial months and years.
- A medical approach to drug addiction. Addicts should be treated medically rather than criminally.
- A review of crimes without fear. Too many individuals are considered criminals, who do not harm anyone.
- Crime Prevention—too much money is spent on crime after the fact rather than before.

"If the old way has failed so miserably for the last two hundred year, why not change?" asked the Sheriff. "We are on a new frontier in the area of crime. There is no way we can get to the moon on a horse and buggy."

The Sheriff said, "until people come to grips with their fear of change, crime will continue to escalate."

The Inaugural Broadcast was televised from the new color television facilities at the Mount on April 16th. The Round Table discussion included (from left) Gardner Mayor Stephen J. Erickson; State Representative Raymond M. LaFontaine; Governor Michael S. Dukakis; Dr. Robert Wood, President of the University of Massachusetts, and representing the National Municipal League; and Dr. Arthur F. Haley, President of MWCC. This discussion was aired immediately following live television coverage of the All-America City award presentation to Gardner from City Hall. Mr. Frank K. Hirons, Director of Media Services at the Mount, was one of a three-man panel instrumental in the presentation of Gardner's credentials to the All-America City judges in San Diego.

Professor Peter J. Trinchero was elected the Outstanding Teacher by a vote of the student body of MWCC. He teaches Biology in the Science and Technology Division. The award was presented at the annual Awards Banquet held on May 8th.

MWCC HOLDS INSTITUTE FOR VISUAL ARTS

Two of the top international artists of today visited the Mount during the week-long Institute for Visual Arts. Kenneth Nolan, painter, and James Wolf, sculptor, are both associated with the Andre Emmerich Gallery of New York and Zurich. (From l to r) Dr. Samuel J. O'Neill, Chairman, Division of Humanities, MWCC; Mr. Wolf; Mayor Stephen J. Erickson of Gardner; and Mr. Nolan.

The Art Curriculum of the Division of Humanities has recently sponsored two programs on the Mount Wachusett Community College campus. March 17 through 19, the Institute for Visual Arts was held. On April 18, a Visual Arts Symposium was arranged for the day.

The highlights of the Institute for Visual Arts were the visits of Kenneth Nolan and Kenneth Baker. Mr. Nolan is a painter associated with the Andre Emmerich Gallery of New York and Zurich. He presented a slide lecture and discussion. Mr. Baker is a critic for *Art in America* and *Arts Magazine*.

Robert Cronin, a sculptor with the Zabriskie Gallery in New York lectured. The students of the Art Curriculum were able to visit the Worcester Art Museum and the Fitchburg Art Museum. Many films about arts and artists were scheduled during the week, including *Careers in Art* and *The New Abstraction.*

Other activities of the week-long Institute were visits by former students, including Gene Laford, Michael Pellegrini, Stephen Donaldson, and Michael Remillard.

The day of the Visual Arts Symposium, the College Art Gallery displayed works of Daniel Bourbeau, Gretchen Keyworth and James McCann. There was a recital as well as many films about artists and slide lectures by former students as Visiting Artists.

Samual Harmon, Legal Counsel for the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs, joined Prof. Theresa Twombly, hostess of the course "Gerontology, Explorations on Aging". The three credit television course is being shown for fifteen weeks in Gardner, Fitchburg and Leominster on Cable TV.

CAMPUS NOTES

The Mount Wachusett Community College Student Nurses' Association held a panel discussion on "Child Neglect" on April 15th.

The speakers were: Dr. Donald Miller, Pediatrician, Gardner; Dr. Richard Trinque, Dentist, Fitchburg; Mr. Gary McCarthy, Elementary School Teacher, Dracut; Mr. Jay Ryan, Child Psychologist, Fitchburg Mental Health Center; and Mr. Jack Hagenbech, Social Worker, Boston.

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Forty-six Mount Wachusett students spent the weekend of April 26th in New York City. This was the fifth annual trip sponsored by the college, and organized by Professor Kenneth A. Takvorian.

For a reasonable fee, the students departed by bus on Friday afternoon, returning Sunday evening. No activities were planned so that each student could pursue areas of his own interest. Most of the students visited the numerous art museums for which the City is famous. The theatre also held an interest.

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Under the sponsorship of Mr. Robert Riedl and the Mt. Wachusett Law Enforcement Club, 16 students, staff and friends spent Spring Vacation week in London, England. The students spent a day observing the British legal system, with visits to Old Bailey (Central Criminal Court) and the Royal Courts of Justice. The students also visited historical sites such as the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, Parliament and Westminster Abbey. Everyone had opportunities to attend the theater, explore the local pubs and see the night life of London.

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Sgt. Richard Labonte, a Narcotics Officer with the Gardner Police Department, spoke last Friday to three classes at Mount Wachusett Community College. The classes were three sections of Prof. Ann E. Greene's SOC 129 "Drug Use and Abuse in American Society".

Sgt. Labonte discussed the new Massachusetts' Drug Laws. He explained the laws to the students and gave examples of their application. One of the laws he particularly emphasized was Ch. 94-C, the Controlled Substance Act of 1972.

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On Thursday, May 1st, Saul Cohen spoke on Tenant's Rights at Mount Wachusett Community College. Mr. Cohen is a staff attorney with a specialty in housing for the Central Massachusetts Legal Services of Fitchburg.

This lecture was co-sponsored by the Gardner Community Action Committee and the Distinguished Visitors Committee of MWCC. Mr. Cohen is on the Board of Directors of the Gardner CAC. He is also a member of the Housing Technical Advisory Committee of the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission.

SUMMER SCHOOL CALENDAR

— GARDNER CAMPUS —

FIRST SESSION: JUNE 2 — JULY 10

REGISTRATION

DAYS: Tuesday through Thursday
May 27 through May 29
9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

EVENINGS: Wednesday and Thursday
May 28 and May 29
6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

CLASSES BEGIN: Monday, June 2
Period I 6:00 P.M.
Period II 7:50 P.M.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS: July 10

SECOND SESSION: JULY 14 — AUGUST 21

REGISTRATION

DAYS: Monday through Wednesday
July 7 through July 9
9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

EVENINGS: Monday and Tuesday
July 7 and July 8
6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

CLASSES BEGIN: Monday, July 14
Period I 6:00 P.M.
Period II 7:50 P.M.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS: August 21

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— FORT DEVENS CAMPUS —

FIRST SESSION: JUNE 2 — JULY 10

REGISTRATION

Tuesday through Thursday
May 27 through May 29
2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

CLASSES BEGIN: Monday, June 2
5:30 P.M.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS: July 9, 10

SECOND SESSION: JULY 15 - AUGUST 22

REGISTRATION

Monday through Wednesday
July 7 through July 9
2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

CLASSES BEGIN: Monday, July 14
5:30 P.M.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS: August 20, 21

Telephone: 772-5964

ROLLINS NAMED NJCAA REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Richard G. Rollins, Director of Athletics at Mount Wachusett Community College, Gardner, Mass. has been elected to the position of Regional Director of Region XXI of the National Jr. College Athletic Association.

The NJCAA was formed in 1938 and is made up of over 500 two year colleges divided into 21 geographical regions across the United States. The New England Region XXI is one of the newest, having been formed in August, 1973. The purpose of the NJCAA is to promote and foster junior community college atheltics on regional and national level, consistent with the total educational program of its members.

Dr. Rollins was appointed the College's first full-time Director of Athletics in January, 1974. Prior to his appointment at Mount Wachusett Community College, he served 9 years as Director of Physical Education and Athletics at Newton Jr. College. He is also an active reservist as Commanding Officer with the 25th Marine Regiment in Worcester. Dr. Rollins received his graduate and undergraduate degrees from Boston University. He is a native of Quincy, where his parents still reside. He formerly lived in Walpole, and presently resides in Westminster.

He brings extensive experience to his new position having served as President and Executive Director of the Massachusetts Jr. College Conference from 1971 to 1974. He is currently the Service Bureau Director for The New England Region of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

As Regional Director, Dr. Rollins will act as liaison between the Region and the NJCAA National Headquarters in Hutchinson, Kansas. He will determine eligibility of student athletes who compete from the member colleges. He will also be the delegate to the annual National Assembly held in Kansas.

Dr. Rollins will assume his new position on August 1, 1975 for a two year term. Officers for the New England Region XXI of the NJCAA are: Regional Director, Dr. Rollins, Mount Wachusett Community College, Gardner, Mass.; Assistant Regional Director, Mr. John Salerno, Director of Athletics, Mattatuck Community College, Waterbury, Conn.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Barry Glinski, Director of Athletics, Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester, Mass.; Service Bureau Director, Mr. Vincent Cullen, Director of Athletics, Rhode Island Jr. College, Warwick, R.I.

The monthly meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Regional Community Colleges was held on May 9th at MWCC. Present were: (sitting l to r) Mr. Robert Cataldo, Mrs. Norman Jacobson, Mr. Theodore Chase, Mr. Richard Philbrick, Mr. Henry R. Foley. (Standing l to r) Philip M. DiStephano, Jr., Student Commissioner, Mr. Patrick F. Jones, Mr. Charles Higgins, Mrs. Robert Bowditch, Dr. Alice Thurston, Mr. John Callahan.

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